

BRIDGE ACROSS MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR HANNIBAL MO.

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3292]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3292) granting the consent of Congress to the city of Hannibal, Mo., to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Hannibal, Marion County, Mo., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 17, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill (S. 3292, 68th Cong., 1st sess.), granting the consent of Congress to the city of Hannibal, Mo., to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Hannibal, Marion County, Mo.

As the navigable portions of the Mississippi River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, May 21, 1924.

Hon. W. L. JONES,
Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR JONES: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 13, transmitting a copy of the bill S. 3292, with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

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The bill proposes to grant to the city of Hannibal, Mo., authority to construct and operate a bridge and approaches across the Mississippi River at or near Hannibal. Three Federal-aid routes enter Hannibal in the State of Missouri, but at the present time there is no Federal-aid connection on the opposite side of the Mississippi River in the State of Illinois. However, it is not unlikely that the State highway department of Illinois will make a Federal-aid connection at this point at some time in the future, although it can not include such a connection at the present time, as this route is not included in the existing State system for Illinois. Neither this department nor the State highway department of Missouri has any information as to whether the proposed structure will be a toll or a free bridge, no application having been made for Federal aid thereon. If, however, the bridge is to be operated without the collection of tolls, or if tolls are to be charged purely for the purpose of defraying the construction costs and not for the purpose of profit, this department would have no objection to the passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*